黒鉄（くろがね） ぷかぷか隊

Chapter 33: *Towards a new fight...! (part 1)*

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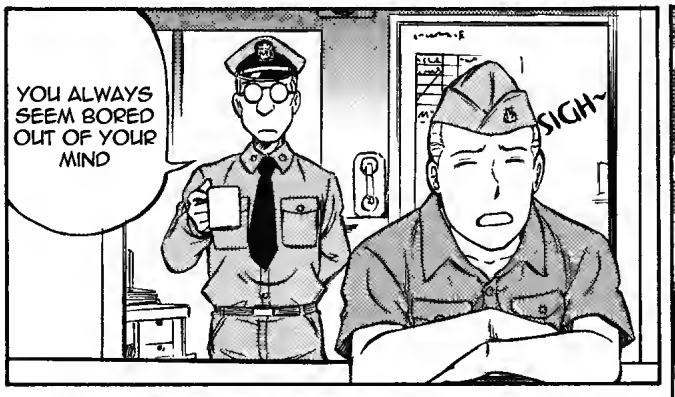
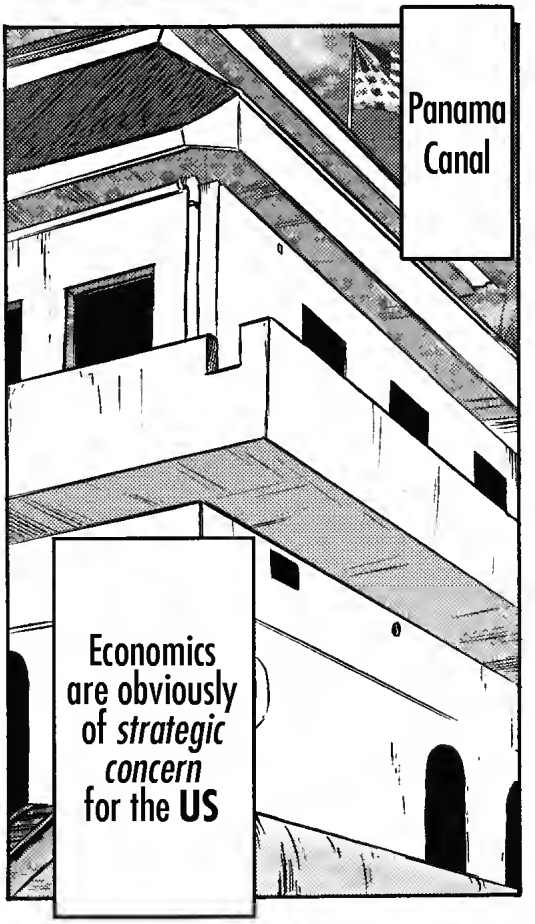
The "Unebi" has fought against the Royal Navy under Ann and Mary in the Indian ocean.

The enemy this time is... the US Navy!?





JUST SO YOU KNOW, SERVING ON A FLEET IS QUITE THE HARD WORK TOO
WELL DUH, I ENLISTED IN THE NAVY BECAUSE I WANTED TO RIDE ON A WARSHIP, BUT ALL I GET TO DO IS SIT AROUND IN SUCH A PLACE...

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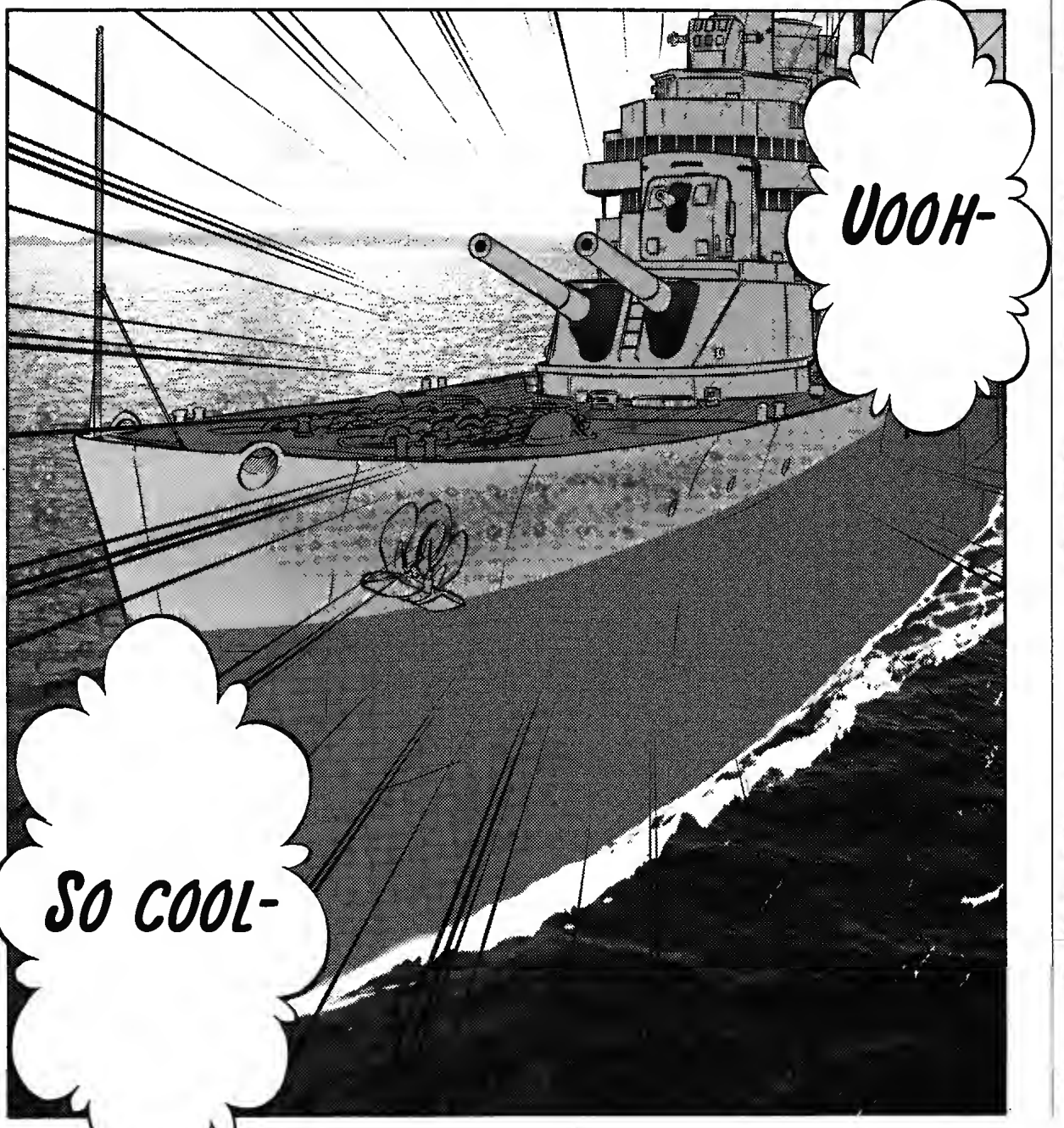
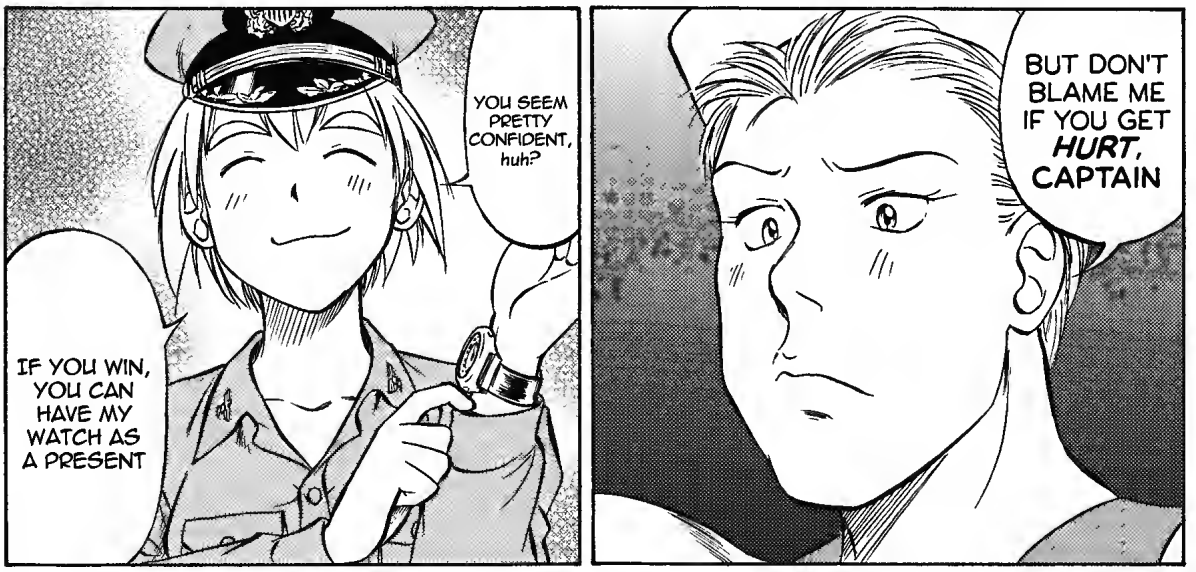
前回までのあらすじ

太平洋戦争緒戦、破竹の勢いで進撃した日本軍はイギリス東洋艦隊をシンガポールや英領インド方面から駆逐、アフリカへと後退せしめた。がら空きとなったインド洋へ、日本海軍は商船改造の巡洋艦「畝傍」を投入、連合軍の海上輸送路の破壊を目論む。新たな敵を求める「畝傍」は大嵐の中、アン艦長とメアリ副長が待ち受けるトロール船に向かったが、間宮内務長の活躍により九鬼副長の無事救出に成功した。その後、九鬼副長の軍装を新調したりもした。



THAT CANNON TURRET SURE IS HUGE
THAT'S BECAUSE THAT TURRET ORIGINALLY BELONGED TO THE BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS
THOSE ARE 50 CALIBRE 12 INCH※ CANNONS
※12in = 30.5cm
IT'S THE USS VIRGIN THAT WAS COMPLETED HALF A YEAR AGO
SEEMS THAT THEY MANAGED TO SINK TWO GERMAN CONVERTED CRUISERS WITHIN TWO MONTHS
THERE'S BEEN RUMOURS THAT THE IJN IS CONSTRUCTING EXTRA-LARGE CRUISERS RIGHT, SO THERE'S BEEN SOME HURRIED CONSTRUCTION TO OPPOSE THEM
SEEMS LIKE THEY JUST USED THE PLANS OF THE WICHITA FOR THE SHIP HULL
AS EXPECTED FROM A FORMER SHIPYARD OFFICER, YOU KNOW ALL THE DETAILS-
THAT BOAT IS NO GOOD
HOW NICE- HOW COOL- I WISH I COULD RIDE ON THAT SHIP



登場人物紹介 その1

九鬼副長

通商破壊艦「畝傍」副長。性格はまじめ。乗組員からはクッキーの愛称で親しまれる。間宮らから性別を超えた愛を寄せられている。

別当艦長

いつも艦橋で茶をすすり、朝は乾布摩擦を欠かさない。盆栽を愛でる好々爺だが、日本海海戦も経験した古強者。

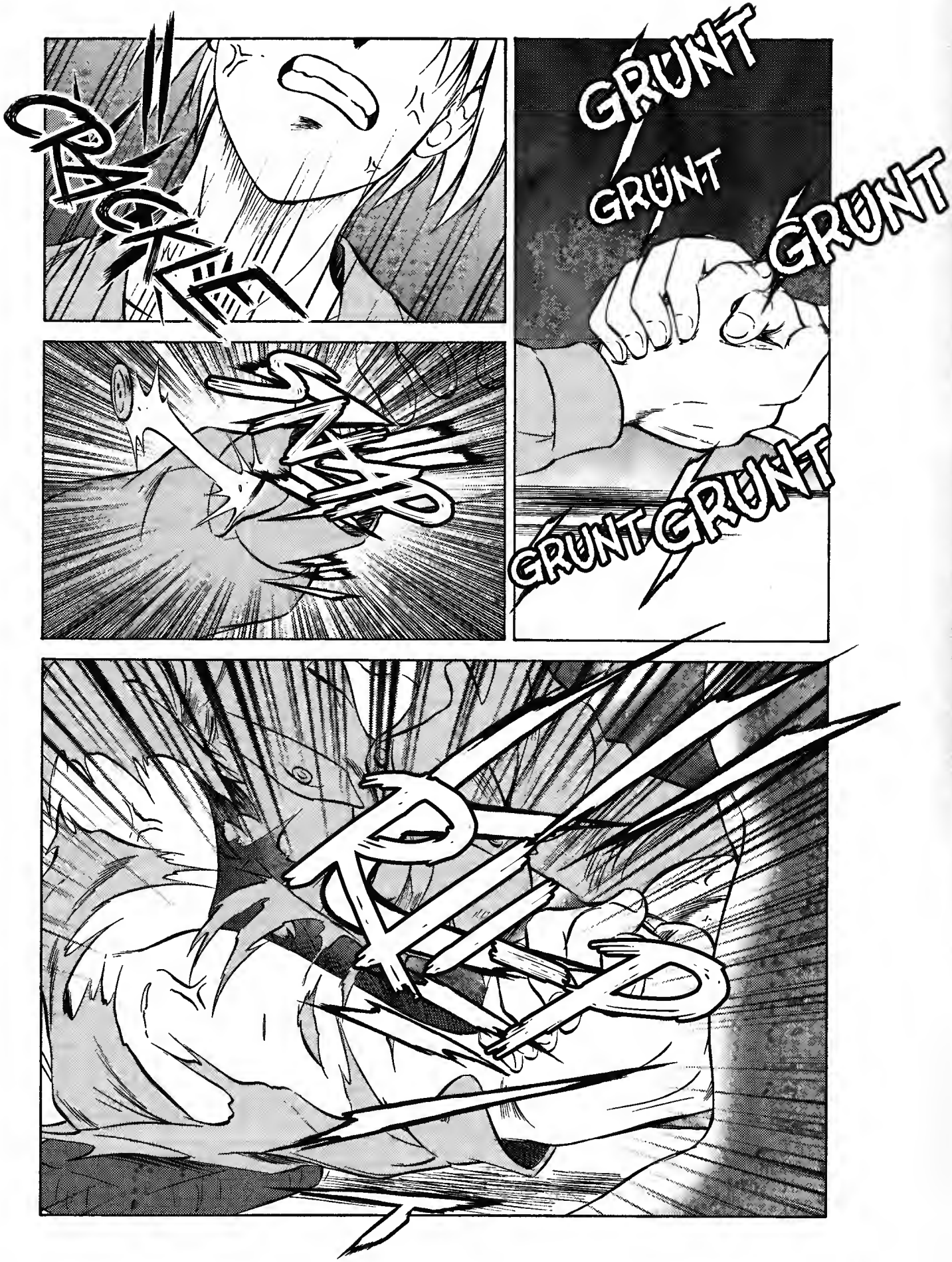
櫛来通信長

「畝傍」電信室に引きこもり、敵の電信を傍受して輸送船の場所を探ったりしている通信長。極度の口下手というか、コミュ障（？）

向井軍医長

「畝傍」の軍医長にして、櫛来通信長の実姉（既婚で名字が変わっている）。小浜砲雷長、小早川機関長、村上主計長らと何事かたくらんでいる。

GO!
GWAAA
CLENCH
Ready…
GRUNT
GRUNT
HRRM
GRIND
GRIND


CRACKLE
GRUNT
GRUNT
GRUNT
SNAP
GRUNT
GRUNT
SNAP

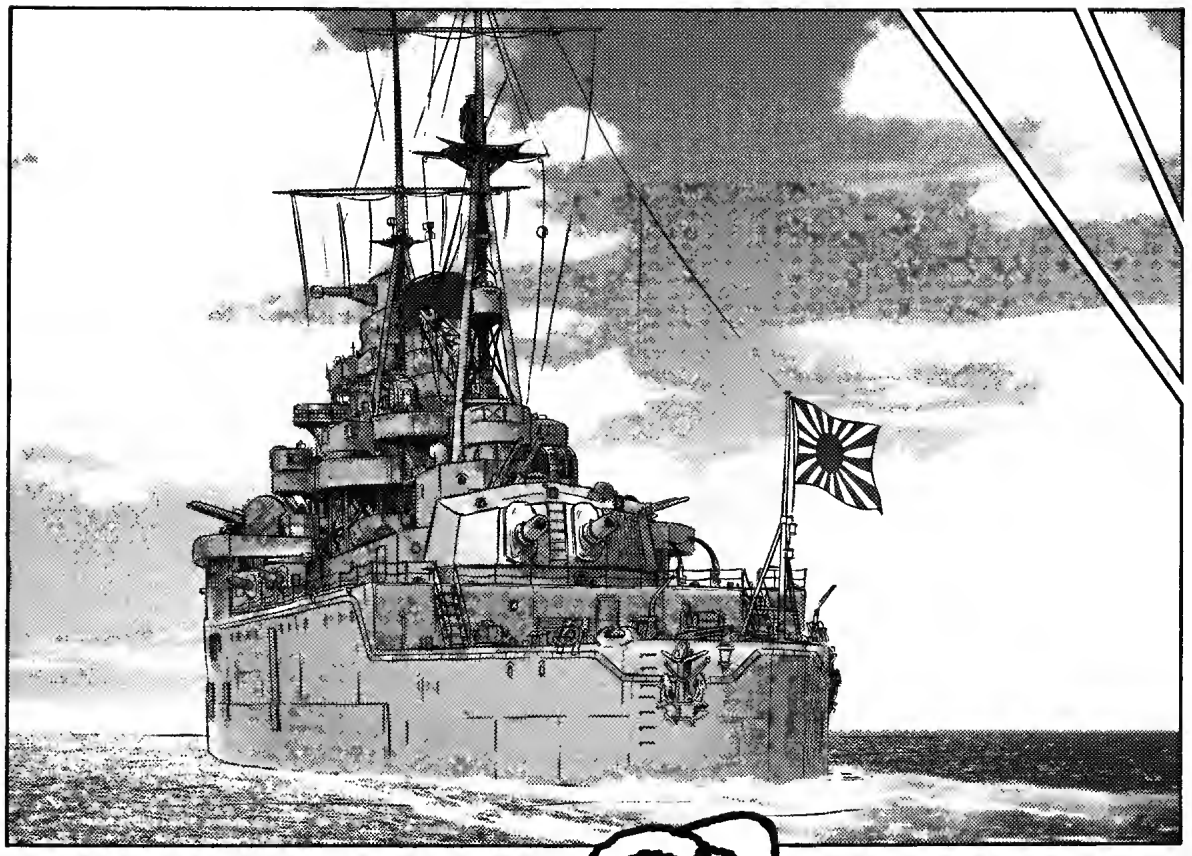
ドカッ
PUNCH
SILENCE

MY- THAT WAS CLOSE
LET'S DO THIS AGAIN, BOATSWAIN
IS YOUR SHOULDER FINE, BOATSWAIN?
AH, YES
ROAR!
CAPTAIN WILHELMINA AVERY
HURRAY!!
CHEER

I ALREADY TOLD YOU TO STOP IT WITH THE 'RACHEL' IN FRONT OF THE SAILORS, CAPTAIN
NO, RACHEL YOU SEE, THIS IS
SO I SEE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF TO THE FULLEST BY GAMBLING WITH THE SAILORS IN SUCH A PLACE, huh CAPTAIN
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE MIRAFLORES LOCKS, SO PLEASE COME UP TO THE BRIDGE
WHA-WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE? XO MORGAN
COUGH
TAP
TAP
WELL THEN, LADIES, KEEP AT IT
AND THE XO IS AS CALM AS ALWAYS
THE CAPTAIN SEEMS ABOUT TO BURST OPEN EVEN MORE THAN USUAL

LOOK, RACHEL
IT'S THE PACIFIC
AT LAST, IT CAME
THE TIME TO KNOCK DOWN THAT DETESTABLE COUNTRY!!
I'm excited, so it's *impossible* for me to sit still when I'm this thrilled!!
UAHH
AN THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO STOP *FOOLING AROUND* WITH THE CREW
KUH

Back when I was a child, my father took me with him to his one year sojourn as a military attaché in Japan.
Day after day, humiliation was carved into me!



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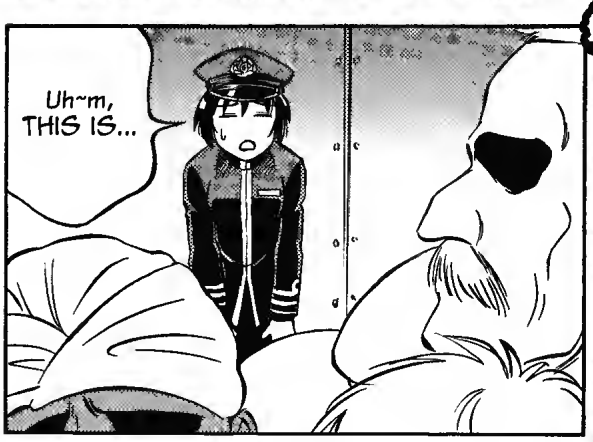
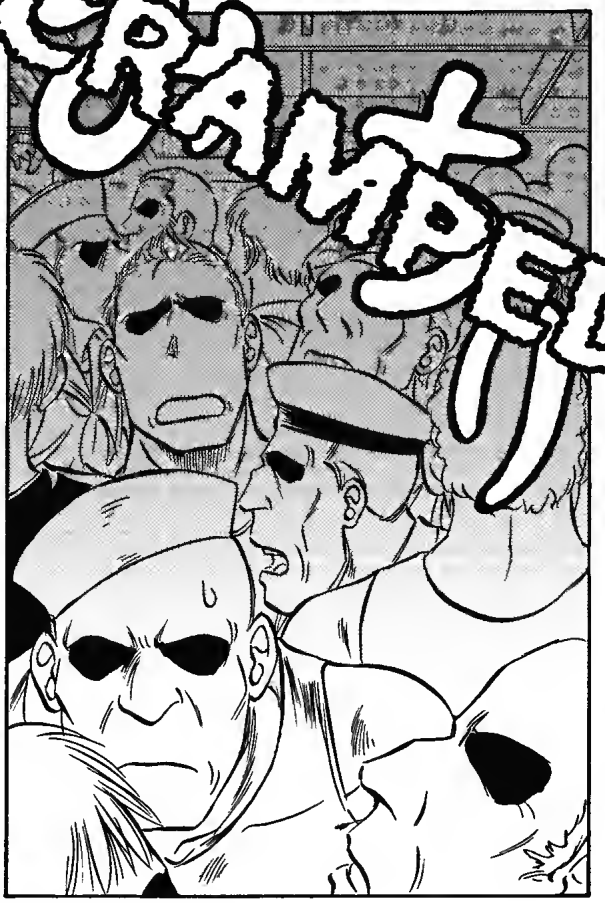

Uh~m,
THIS IS...



I-
I GUESS
SO...
COMMANDER,
JAM-PACKING
THEM LIKE THIS
ISN'T GOOD FOR
THEIR HEALTH

IF WE MANAGE TO CAPTURE THE NEXT ENEMY VESSEL UNDAMAGED, WE COULD MOVE THE INTERNEES AND PRISONERS THERE AND HEAD FOR PENANG...
THAT BEING SAID, IF THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH STOPPING THE SHIP... AND ALSO THE RATE TO SPARE THE CREW IS ALREADY...
To think that this many people were riding on the ship we sunk yesterday. It also seems like there are refugees amongst them...
WELL THEN... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THIS...
Uh-uhm...
Ara, SHIORI
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG, COMMUNI-CATIONS OFFICER KUSHIKU
STARE
A CIPHER?
HUH!

※*Syonon* or *Shounon*, *Singopore* under Japonese occupation

The US cruiser "Virgin" under captain Avery, who sees Japan as her enemy has appeared!

Did something happen in her past!
And what's with that threatening weather the "Unebi" is heading for...

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